

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

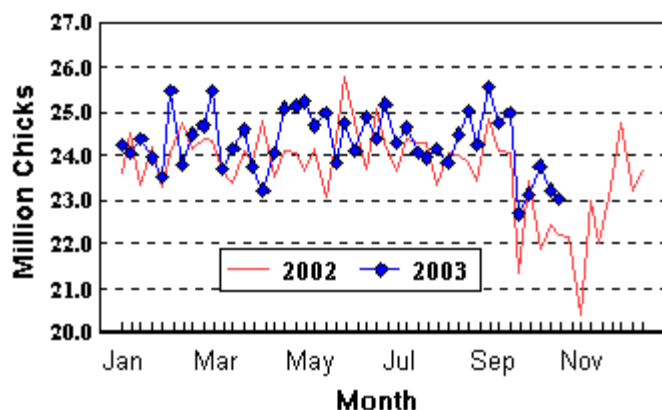
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.1 million during the week ending November 1, 2003. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2002, but down 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 1, 2003 were 1.07 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.3 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

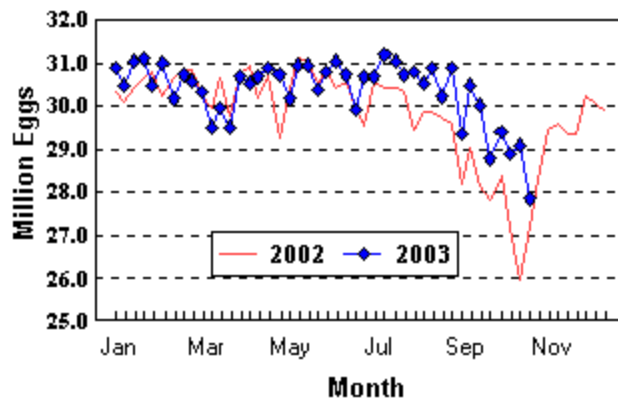
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 1, 2003, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down 4 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 27	24,044	24,992	104	24,459	25,337	104	28,177	30,013	107
Oct. 4	21,347	22,702	106	23,261	24,220	104	27,810	28,806	104
Oct. 11	23,404	23,157	99	24,017	25,229	105	28,385	29,386	104
Oct. 18	21,930	23,755	108	23,275	24,796	107	27,187	28,862	106
Oct. 25	22,466	23,230	103	23,102	23,882	103	25,951	29,106	112
Nov. 1	22,202	23,060	104	23,143	24,292	105	27,248	27,849	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	01-Nov		27-Sep	04-Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	01-Nov	
Alabama	27,568 *	28,282	26,822	26,638	103	21,676	20,614	20,421	20,649	21,380	20,866	102
ARKANSAS	29,386	28,862	29,106	27,849	102	24,992	22,702	23,157	23,755	23,230	23,060	104
Delaware	3,529	3,531	3,233	3,690	100	4,831	4,439	4,553	4,189	4,359	4,616	83
Florida	1,359	1,323 *	1,353	1,353	59	1,651	1,605	1,505	1,876	1,506	1,518	73
Georgia	32,016	29,461	28,898	30,277	107	24,677	24,145	24,338	24,134	24,391	25,397	106
Kentucky	6,626	5,370	6,025	5,708	93	5,273	4,933	5,384 *	5,488	5,458 *	5,645	119
Maryland	8,502	8,005	7,808	8,840	94	5,378	5,563	5,232	6,308	5,727	5,418	105
Mississippi	17,910	16,983	17,287	16,229	99	15,904	15,221	14,673	14,526	14,925	14,983	104
N. Carolina	16,576 *	16,677	17,291	17,681	97	13,000	13,156	12,575	13,790	13,225	13,155	98
Oklahoma	5,864	6,037	6,505	6,090	108	4,574	5,390	5,769	4,197	3,966	3,924	90
Pennsylvania	3,451	3,362 *	3,582	3,608	105	2,691	2,635	2,555	2,542 *	2,617 *	2,468	101
S. Carolina	4,080	3,907	4,206	4,097	89	3,827	4,265	4,188	3,685	4,040	4,196	117
Texas	14,217	12,863	12,978	14,384	99	12,193	11,670	10,809	11,954	11,758	11,859	107
Virginia	6,360	6,378	6,670	6,205	112	5,231	4,696	4,696	5,069	4,415	5,130	102
CA,LA,MO,IN,WV	19,095	18,915	18,644	19,880	108	17,225	18,166	17,700	18,107	17,738	17,621	105
Total 2003	196,539 *	189,956 *	190,408	192,529		163,123	159,200	157,555 *	160,269 *	158,735 *	159,856	
Total 2002	192,080	185,654	181,106	189,835		165,235	155,770	154,082	155,782	157,001	155,287	
%Prev. Year	102	102	105	101		99	102	102	103	101	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						15-Nov	22-Nov	29-Nov	06-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 193 million eggs during the week ending November 1, 2003. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 1, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 1, 2003 were 7.35 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.